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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.
Applicant must submit \$ 710 to complete the basic filing fee and/or file a small entity statement claiming such status (37 CFR 1.27).
- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is \$412.
 - \$252 for 14 total claims over 20.
 - \$160 for 2 independent claims over 3 .
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 1252.

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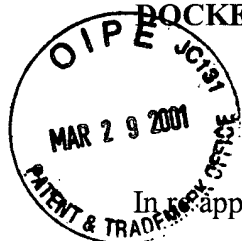
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In re application of : Loi N. Nguyen, et al.
U.S. Serial No. : 09/712,827
Filed : November 14, 2000
For : METHOD AND INTERLEVEL DIELECTRIC STRUCTURE FOR
IMPROVED METAL STEP COVERAGE
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Sir:

RESPONSE TO MISSING PARTS OF APPLICATION

In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application dated January 24, 2001, attached are the following documents:

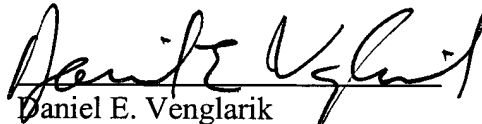
1. Copy of Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application;
2. Our firm's check in the amount of \$840.00 to cover the patent application filing fee (\$710.00) and missing parts surcharge (\$130.00);
3. Preliminary Amendment; and
4. Our postcard receipt.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required,
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Respectfully submitted,

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